

Saint Cecilia
*Faith Formation
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Dear Parents and Parishioners,

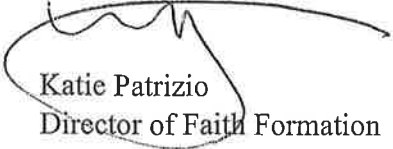
It is my regret to inform that due to a lack of catechists our faith formation sessions for elementary aged children (PreK-5th grades) will be postponed until necessary classroom roles are filled. This decision was made with great difficulty and after much consultation with Fr. Jim and the rest of the staff. Out of respect for our current catechists and the children whom we wish to serve, it is best to wait to begin our programming until all necessary resources are in place for the success of our mission.

It is a joy to work at a parish that has been blessed with so many gifts and members. Indeed St. Cecilia's is one of the largest parishes in the entire Archdiocese. The truth of the situation, though, is that the faith formation of our children is not something that can be outsourced. Since the days of the early Church, new Christians have been formed, taught, and trained by other Christians in the immediate community. This model remains largely unchanged and hence we rely on the generosity of the entire community for the faith formation of our young people. Many small, rural parishes will begin their faith formation sessions this weekend because of the generosity of their members. Our children deserve nothing less.

On the back of this letter you will find a chart with the vacant spaces we need filled. From office assistants, to hall monitors, to catechists and co-catechists, there are many different roles that need service. We take these roles so seriously and appreciate the generosity of our parishioners so deeply that we do not ask for volunteers. Rather, our catechists and assistants are trained and stipend personnel. Once we fill each of the necessary roles, we will begin our elementary faith formation sessions. **Middle school and high school faith formation will continue forward as planned.**

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to give of your time in our faith formation programs this year, please do not hesitate to call or email. I look forward to your generous response.

May God bless you and your loved ones!


Katie Patrizio
Director of Faith Formation

Sunday
(9:00-10:15am)

	Catechist	Co-Catechist
PreKinder		
Kindergarten	Covered	
1st Grade		
2nd Grade		
3rd Grade		
4th Grade		
5th Grade	Covered	Covered

Monday
(6:15-7:30pm)

	Catechist	Co-Catechist
1st Grade	Covered	Covered
2nd Grade	Covered	Covered
3rd Grade	Covered	
4th Grade	Covered	
5th Grade		

Hall Monitors

Sunday (9:00-10:15am)	
Monday (6:15-7:30pm)	

Front Desk Assistants

Sunday (9:00-10:15am)	
Monday (6:15-7:30pm)	Covered